On the Mlawa front two sub-licutenants and seven men who were out secuting, approached a German artillery bivouack, and, firing simultaneously from several sides, created a panio. The guns were sbandoned by the startled artillerymen, and the Russian secuts brought home with them a 10-inch howitzer, all complete.

Russian Report Optimistic.

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The following statement from the General Staff of the Russian commander in chief was issued here to-night.

"On the Bzura River, near the Chateau of Tuchow, live versts below Sochaczew, our troops, the night of December 23, utterly routed the strong German forces which had crossed to the right bank of the Hzura.

"A German regiment was almost completely annihilated and in addition lost five machine guns. We captured five officers and 515 soldiers.

"All through the day of December 23 the Germans made fierce attacks in the region of Bolimow, but were everywhere repulsed. Very stubborn fighting also prevailed that day in the region of How-Lodz and below that point. We succeeded in throwing back the German column which had crossed to the right bank of the Pilica.

"On the 22d and 23d violent fighting took place all along the front on the Nida River. It was especially stubborn on the lower Nida, between Wislica and Nowemiasto Korczyn.

"During these two days we captured to the north of Pinczow 57 officers and

"During these two days we captured to the north of Pincrow 57 officers and more than 3,000 soldiers.

"To the south of the Vistula we maintained our successes of the previous day. Here we took 1,500 prison-

ers.
"In East Prussia, near Przemysl and
in the Carpathians no important
changes have taken place."

Berlin Says No Marked

Advantage Has Been Gained

man official press bureau were the following:

"While there is general confidence that the Germans and their ally are making progress along the extended battle line in the East, there is no indication either in the German or the Austrian official reports that any marked advantage had been won.

"Indeed, it is noticeable that Vienna uses the adjective 'favorable' in referring to the battles in the Carpathians, but contents itself with saying that the severe battle along the lower Tunnjee River and on the Krosno-Tuchow line continues.

"Strikingly frank and interesting is the official Vienna report concerning the Austrian withdrawal from Servis, which was due to the terrible conditions of the country and the weather, and also the fact that the Servians had been reinforced. The Austrians lost considerably in the retreat, but the spirit of their army is unsurpassable. The report also brings the first news that Field Marshal Oskar Potiorek has been relieved of command of the Austrian army on account of his health."

"On November 9 and some subsequent haphome enjoyments are on a more economical scale and more public spirited-ness in being shown than ever before. The gifts for the poor have assumed proportions never before known.

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The soldiers at the front are being measured for the doctors and hundreds of carloads of presents and what the fronts. The Berlin school children was dealed and was to raise steam for full care.

The military aspect of this Christmas has also been increased by the lavish attention to the wounded in the lavish attention to t tustrian army on account of

CUPID LENDS AID TO BRITISH RECRUITING

[By Cable to The Tribune.]
London, Dec. 24.—Cupid may yet be responsible for bringing more men to the colors than British recruiting officers have reason to be-This time Cupid works through a boycott and the tango. In the last few days, with many officers back from the front on furlcugh, after-dinner dances have been resumed with a vengeance. In fact, it was really on the demands of these officers to have dances that some prominent hotels resumed them again after the entire absence of such amusement since the first week of the war.

And here enters Cupid and the boycott, for scores of women refuse to dance with ony one not in khaki or with any one who cannot show good cause for being otherwise dressed. As a consequence many civilian terpsichoreans are doomed to unattractive evenings during the Yuletide. Military names have been given to some dances, such, for instance, as the "Jack Johnson Glide."

GENEROUS SPIRIT REIGNS IN BERLIN

Economical, but Greater Generosity Shown.

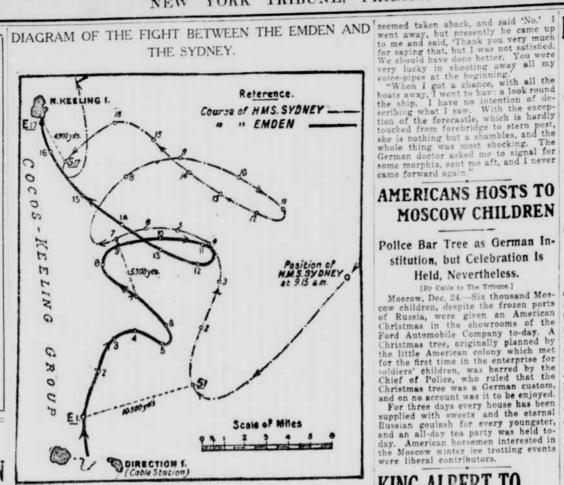
GIFTS FOR THE POOR WERE NEVER LARGER

Soldiers at Front Remembered by Whole Population-Hospitals Remembered.

Berlin (via London), Dec. 24 .- Berlin is celebrating Christmas Eve under leaden skies. Several inches of snow converted into slush, as the temperat- to his father, writes:

Invest your Money Gift in some jewel from the Gattle Collection. It will possess intrinsic value and serve ideally as a graceful reminder of the occasion.

Opposite St. Patrick's Cathedral



Home Enjoyments More

The numbers in the above diagram indicate the respective positions of the two warships at successive stages of the action, the first shot being fired when the vessels were at the respective points markd "1." At points 1 to 7 inclusive the Sydney's port battery was in action, from points 8 to 11 the starboard battery; points 12 to 16 the port battery, and at point 17 the starboard battery. At point the Sydney ceased firing and turned northward in pursuit of the Emden's collier

EMDEN'S CAPTURE TOLD BY OFFICER ON SIDNEY

Gun Crew Knocked Out by German Shell-British Ship Also Set on Fire-But Foe's Vessel Looked

Like a Shambles When All Was Over.

Berlin, Dec. 24 (by wireless to Sayille, N. Y.).—Among the items given
it for publication to-day by the Gerian official press bureau were the fol
fers little from former years. The

converted into slush, as the temperatinto slush, as the temperatinto his father, writes:

"I will now give you some account
of our action with the Emden on November 9 and some subsequent hap-

m which presents were heaped, elebrations were strended by oll children, who sang Christolls.

"I am a little interested as to what other fellows were feeling, but it is a question I have never heard answered to be a support of the control of the

the angle of descent would be pretty steep.

"Coming aft, I heard a shot grane the top of the shield of No. I starboard. A petty officer now came up limping from aft and said that he had just carried an officer below (he was not dangerously hit), and that the after control position had been knocked right out and every one wounded (they were marvellously lucky). I told him if he was really able to carry on to go aft to No. 2 starboard and see there was no fire and if there was, that any charges about were to be thrown overboard at once. He was very game and limped away aft. He got aft to find a very bad cordite fire just starting. He with others got this put out.

"I later noticed some smoke rising aft, and ran aft, to find that it was just the remains of what they had put out, but found two men, one with a syning. You fought very well, sir.' He, prevail in the world."

Ship Like a Shambles.

"I told him from our captain that if he would give his parole the captain that if he was reall have to be

London. Dec. 15 .- An officer on badly wounded foot, sitting on the gun fell during the night, but was promptly board H. M. A. S. Sydney, in a letter platform and a petty officer lying on the dock a little further aft, with a gether when I spoke to him and told him I wanted him to do what he could for the wounded. I then ran back to

five and sometimes as much as twenty-six knots. We had the speed on the Emden and fought as suited ourselves. We next changed round to starboard guns and I then found the gunlayer of No. 1 starboard had been knocked out brought Alkins view board. I was quite deaf by now, as the hurry there had been no thous of getting cotton wool. This is point I won't overlook next time.

Thought She Was Sunk.

"Coming aft the port side from the forecastle gun I was met by a lot of men cheering and waving their caps. I said, 'What's happened?' 'She's gone, sir, she's gone.' I ran to the ship's side, and no sign of a ship could I see. side, and no sign of a ship could I see.

If one could have seen a dark cloud of
smoke, it would have been different.
But I could see no sign of anything.
So I called out, 'All hands turn out the
lifeboats, there will be men in the
water.' They were just starting to do
this when some one called out, 'She's
still firing, sir.' and every one ran back
to the guns.

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AMERICANS HOSTS TO MOSCOW CHILDREN

Police Bar Tree as German Institution, but Celebration Is Held, Nevertheless.

Moscow, Dec. 24.—Six thousand Mos-w children, despite the frozen ports Moscow, Dec. 24.—Six thousand shore cow children, despite the frozen ports of Russia, were given an American Christmas in the showrooms of the Ford Automobile Company to-day. A Christmas tree, originally planned by the little American colony which met for the first time in the enterprise for soldiers' children, was barred by the Chief of Police, who ruled that the Christmas tree was a German custom, and on no account was it to be enjoyed. For three days every house has been supplied with sweets and the eternal Russian goulash for every youngster, and an all-day tea party was held to-day. American horsemen interested in the Moscow winter ice trotting events were liberal contributors.

KING ALBERT TO VISIT ENGLAND

with Family at Lord Curzon's Estate.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, Dec. 24.—King Albert of the Relgians will spend Christmas Day in England. His visit will be strictly incognito, and denials that he is here probably will be issued by British officials. Nevertheless, it can be stated on the best possible nuthority that the King on his arrival at Folkestone will motor to the estate of Earl Curzon of Kedleston, at Basingstoke, in Southern England. His three children have been guests of Lord Curzon since the beginning of September, and the Queen of the Belginns has paid several visits to them; but this visit will be the ments by the Germans—in first the King has made to England since the start of the war.

The intention was to drive the start of the war.

Christmas dinner in Lord Curzon's house, and late to-morrow King Albert will return to his soldiers in Flanders. Whether his consort will accompany him or remain at Basing-

best contribution for the graph of the support of t

LODZ CAMPAIGN'S TURNING POINT

Von Hindenburg Believes Capture of City Was Deciding Factor.

RUSSIANS SWEPT BY ENFILADING FIRE

Officer of Czar Pays Tribute to Ceaseless Onrush of the German Infantry.

Lodz, Russian Poland, Dec. 21 (by automobile courier to Posen, Prussis, Dec. 23; London, Dec. 24.)-The capture of Lodz, according to a declaration made to-day by Field Marshal vor Hindenburg, the German commander, to a correspondent of The Associated Press, was the turning point of the campaign in Poland The Russian lines in northern Poland rested on this city, for the possession of which there occurred the most bitter struggle of the entire war on this front. After the Russians, following a most obstinate resistance on their part, were forced to evacuate the town, a general retirement in the direction of Warsaw became necessary.

Under the guidance of Major von Holleben, a cousin of the late Baron von Holleben, who was at one time German Ambassador to the United States, the Associated Press correspondent to-day visited some of the Will Eat Christmas Dinner b thefields in the vicinity of Lodz and gained an idea of the nature of the operations which led to the capture of the city.

According to the general alignmen of the Austro-German forces, they might have been expected to advance from the west. As a matter of fact the attack was made largely from the north and northwest. They drove their columns into the Russians in the form of a huge pitch ork, with another large force between the times of the fork. Russian Position Relieved.

It looked for a time as if the Russians would be forced to retreat—if retreat were at all possible in the face of the gigantic enveloping movements by the Germans—in the direc-

first the King has made to England since the start of the war.

It is understood that Queen Elizabeth is already at Basingstoke. If she has not yet crossed the Channel from Calais she will do so with the King. Belgium's royal family will eat Christmas dinner in Lord Curzon's of the fork, relieving the situation for

the Russians.
In one of the operations around Lodz occurred the celebrated "cutting off" of two German army corps, which.

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lies on a small eminence which formed a salient into the German lines.

The Germans were able to make an attack from three sides with infantry and artillery. All the Russian trenches were enfiladed by shrapnel from one direction or another, but the Russian tolung to their positions obstinately. When the Germans finally captured the trenches 878 Russian corpses were found in a space about eighty yards how to fight and die. This churchyard come on and on, despite all their efforts, tried them terribly, cause,

found in a space about eighty yards square.

It was resistance of this nature which the Germans had to overcome to capture Lodz. The Russians are again offering obstinate resistance, as The Associated Press correspondent learned to-day from General Staff officers, along the Bzura and Rawka rivers, on their positions running north and south along a line thirty to thirty-five miles west of Warsaw.

Silent Advance Effective.

off" of two German army corps, which, after being entirely surrounded by the rapid advance of the Warsaw reserves, turned and cut their way out, and brought with them 12,000 of their would-be captors. The scene of this exploit, which a member of the German scent of Lodz.

First Hostile Plane to Visit England Does Little Damage.

Silent Advance Effective.

A captured Russian officer who speaks good German said that what impressed him and his men most proposed with the same of the German sused for constitution of the war, was Strythought was the Prussian "anprall" the Germans used for constitution of dark figures moving toward the Russian position like wavelets of a rising tide, their utter heedlessness of the Russian fire, which appeared to be wasted on them.

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They saw men fall, but the gaps the rear line and the advance kept on. All this gave the effect of something irresistible, the Russian officer who speaks good German said that what the Germans used for constitute of dark figures moving toward the Russian position like wavelets of a rising tide, their utter heedlessness of the Russian fire, which appeared to be wasted on them.

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nerves to snap.

The Russian evacuation of Loft was effected so quietly and was covered a well that the Germans did not lear it until the next morning, when found that the Russian troop disappeared as though they ha vanished from the face of the earth. The usual German night patrois habeen sent out to keep in contact with the enemy, but the Russians three sentences. thin but impenetrable screen before their front. Major Holleben's bat talion lost four of its most capable patrol leaders.

Still Use Volley Firing.

German officers say that volley firing is still customary with the Russians whereas the Germans have eliminated it in favor of individual firing.

A large part of the population of A large part of the population of Lodz is busying itself in the German trenches, salvaging the wood which the Germans used for construct

their defences.

Heavy fighting occurred at the tow of Konstantinow, ten miles southwes of Lodz. It suffered mostly from artillery fire, the town being bom barded by both sides. Little was left but naked walls. The other suburb of Lodz suffered less severely, and the city trails of far as could be accounted.



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